

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

May 19, 1997

A. CALL TO ORDER

The May 19, 1997, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by John M. M. Caldwell, Sr., Board President.

James Albert Riley, the DeSoto County Sheriff was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
James D. Pearson-----District 3
John Caldwell-----District 4
Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
Clovis Reed-----County Administrator
William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor John Caldwell.

C. JIM FLANAGAN

Jim Flanagan, Executive Director of DeSoto Council, requested the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the item of business he brought before the Board of Supervisors.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

E. CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION

Rex Haynes, of the DeSoto County Convention and Visitors Bureau Commission, presented a design layout of the building and explained that a lot of progress has been made, but there is much left to do. Mr. Haynes explained that the next step is to advertise the County's intent to sell the bonds. Demery Grubbs, consultants for the bond issue for the Civic Center, presented the financial options for the bonds and explained the need to get started with the financing, including:

- 1. Determining the financing structure;

2. Meeting the financing requirements;
3. Understanding each financing structure has different requirements; and,
4. Financing requirements must be complete before securing interim financing.

Mr. Grubbs explained the different options including:

1. General obligation bonds;
2. MS Development bank loans;
3. Lease financing; and,
4. Urban renewal bonds.

Of the four, Demery Grubbs recommended the MS Development bank loans to secure the GO structure. Plans are to use the sales taxes to secure the loan. According to Mr. Grubbs, to do so, the County must get three to four months of actual collections; check permits for new collections to come on line; get a history of sales tax collections; and develop a growth trend out to the year 2002.

A summary of financing timetable was presented. Mr. Grubbs said it will be up to the Board of Supervisors to establish the size of the bond issue.

Don Clark, of Crosswait Tierney, Attorney for the DeSoto County Civic Center, explained the need to develop an intent resolution for the MS Development banking structure and also recommended using that structure, further explaining that the development bank will be the issuer of the bonds. Mr. Clark also explained the difference in the financing options and said that the development bank structure looks more closely at the state moral obligation pledge to secure the debt. Mr. Clark recommended using a high parameter and flexibility to protect the County.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the idea was presented to the public and voted on for the project to be built from the tourism tax money and the plans should stay, in his opinion, within those parameters. Rex Haynes said that it has never been the intent of the Committee to finance the project from other than the tourism tax and to build a facility to meet the needs of the County.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked under the option requiring one year of payment be set aside, from where that money would come? Don Clark explained that if the Civic Center cost is 30 million, the county would issue bonds for 32.5 million, and then buy a surety bond. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked when those involved project the County to be able to retire the debt. Demery Grubbs said the tax receipts will have to be collected for the next two to three months to realistically project the life of the debt.

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County Administrator Clovis Reed asked how long is projected to pay \$30,000,000.00? Demery Grubbs said 20 years.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if anything was figured in for the maintenance of the building? Demery Grubbs said no, but he will bring comparables on similar size projects to the next meeting. Supervisor Lewis verified that bond money can be used up to two years after retiring the bond for maintenance of the building. Demery Grubbs said bond money can be used for maintenance, but not day to day running of the building.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the marketing studies agree with the size the expenditure will allow. Demery Grubbs said that if not, this banking option lets you extend the bond two years.

Don Clark presented two options of wording for the necessary resolution and recommended the wording used in resolution option #1. Mr. Clark explained Option #2

limits flexibility and said that if a petition is filed against the project, the project could be delayed for a long time. However, he said that consensus is most important. Demery Grubbs said that using the development bank provides more flexibility.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he is concerned about the direction of the project. Supervisor Caldwell said the project should focus on the net effect of the project on the County, the advantages or disadvantages of a 6,000 vs a 10,000 seat arena, the percentage increase to add an additional 1,200 seats, the operation and maintenance cost, the frequency of usage of in-county vs out-of-county events, convention space studies, how many hotels are needed, and, office/administrative plans (that currently may be excessive). Supervisor Caldwell said we need to determine what we need--not what we can pay for. In short, Supervisor Caldwell feels the County should do a marketing study. Rex Haynes said he is not against a marketing study, but interest rates are low and

the time it takes to complete a study could delay securing the low interest rates available today. Mr. Haynes agreed the first study was for in-county usage only.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a resolution as presented in option #2 adding the language that no more bonds will be issued for the project than will be paid from other than the tourism tax. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----No
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

George Garvin said he will be glad to recommend firms for a marketing study. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve George Garvin of the Convention and Visitors Bureau to obtain proposals for a marketing study. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

See Exhibit E.

F. BID OPENING - HOT ASPHALT OVERLAY

The County Engineer, Daniel Murphy, was present and did open the bids in connection with Bid File #97-300-201 for Hot Asphalt Overlay on various roads in DeSoto County. The bids were obtained in accordance with Mississippi Code requirements. The two bids received were opened and were as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
1. Apact, TN	\$3,214,766.25
2. Lehman Roberts	\$2,963,110.65

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to take the bids under advisement. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes

Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

Later in the meeting the County Engineer, Daniel Murphy came back before the Board of Supervisors, after having reviewed the bids and recommended the Board approve accepting the low bid. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to accept the low bidder, Lehman Roberts for the bid associated with Bid File #97-300-201. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.**

G. JOHNNY CARTER - BEAVER CONTROL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Johnny Carter, of the Beaver Control Assistance Program appeared before the Board of Supervisors and explained that due to a computer problem, he could not bring the quarterly beaver report. Mr. Carter notified the Board of Supervisors that it is time to renew the beaver contract and the application is due by June 2, 1997. Mr. Carter said that state funding has been cut, so extra beaver assistance will be limited. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked about the cost of the program. Johnny Carter said the cost to the County is \$2,000.00. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to renew DeSoto County's participation in the beaver program. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.**

H. MERRITT POWELL - IMPACT FEES-AMENDMENT TO REGULATION PLANNED BUSINESS

Merritt Powell of the DeSoto County Planning Commission appeared before the Board of Supervisors to clarify the Board of Supervisors directions for studying impact fees. Mr. Powell asked if the Board of Supervisors wanted to hire a consultant to study the impact fees. Mr. Powell asked the Board to point out specific areas of concern in relation to impact fees. Merritt Powell recommended to the Board of Supervisors to compose a study group comprised of developers and engineers to come up with the fees that will be charged. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the Board has authority to do impact fees. County Administrator Clovis Reed said yes, but it has to be project specific. Supervisor John Caldwell verified the the Planning Commission does not have time to do a study. Merritt Powell said they do not have time.

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he has talked to developers concerned about sewer. He would like to see something done for future development. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he agreed, but not on a blanket basis and said this should be a joint issue with the cities. Different study areas were discussed.

The Board Attorney, William Austin said there is an ongoing case in Madison County that will likely end up in the Supreme Court. According to William Austin, if the assessment is called an impact fee, but collected as a tax, you will end up paying it back. The Board Attorney cautions not to get too wide based with impact fees. The Board President, John Caldwell asked each Supervisor if they want to study impact fees. All agreed a study should be done for sewer and further directed Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission to begin a study of impact fees in relation to sewer. **See Exhibit H.**

Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission explained to the Board of Supervisors that regulation of planned business was previously carried over. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the

motion to approve adding planned business to the DeSoto County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

I. MARSHA BAUGHN

Director of Data Processing, Marsha Baughn, appeared before the Board of Supervisors and explained that it is necessary to do a computer upgrade to extend and keep the upgrade on the computer system. This will be paid from existing money in the budget.

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to advertise for an upgrade to the computer system to be paid from the Data Processing Budget. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bids Under Advisement - Removal and Purchase of Timber

Margaret Stevens, Director of Purchasing notified the Board of Supervisors that no bids were received for the removal and purchase of timber on Stateline Road right of way as advertised in Bid File 97-156-005. The Board of Supervisor instructed the Road Manager to check with more people to get estimates for timber on Stateline Road. **See Exhibit J.**

2. Bid Under Advisement - Health and Human Services Telephone System

The Board of Supervisors were notified by letter and by notation on the Bid memorandum from Kathy White that the low bidder, Magnolia Telephone did not meet the requirements of the bid and was withdrawn. At the recommendation of the Director of Purchasing, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the low bid, less the bid from Magnolia Telephone that was withdrawn, thus awarding the bid to Connections Plus in accordance with purchasing laws provided by the State of Mississippi. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit J.2.**

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3. Review of General Liability Insurance Proposals

Comptroller Dale Thompson and County Administrator Clovis Reed notified the Board of Supervisors that three proposals were received for general liability insurance for the County. The Comptroller requested that all proposals be submitted by Thursday at 5:00. Two were, and Pointer Insurance Agency presented a much lower bid in the form of a memo with no details presented until Friday. The coverage presented Friday did not match, and Pointer said they would meet current coverage at the bid price. The County Administrator Clovis Reed asked for the bids to be guaranteed for three years. Pointer did guarantee their price for three years. The Board Attorney, William Austin, said the "memo bid" was adequate to be used as a proposal. Jeff Estes, Buzzy Mize and Rex Haynes, of Brown & Haynes Insurance presented their perspective of the situation, pointing out different shortfalls of the proposal from Pointer. Jeff Estes said that this is a market share issue, not a profit issue. The representatives of Brown & Haynes Insurance said they have a plan to beat the proposal submitted by Pointer. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if another opportunity should be given to Madden and Powell. Clovis Reed said the proposal from Madden and Powell is a fully insured program and not a self funded program. Mr. Reed said it was determined that the self funded program was more cost effective. Clovis Reed said the Pointer proposal represents a \$120,000.00 savings for the County over three years. Supervisor Lewis asked what we required when we got the proposals. Clovis Reed said the County provided their current coverage to those

submitting proposals. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that Pointer originally had the plan and Brown & Haynes underbid Pointer to get the coverage. Supervisor Thach said the opposite is happening now. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Madden and Powell if they offer a self funded program. Rick Powell said their underwriter recommends writing a fully insured plan rather than self funded as they feel it makes the most economic sense.

Monroe Pointer presented a list of counties insured by Titan, his underwriter. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if they have the same coverage and said he is interested in seeing others with the same coverage.

Dale Thompson, the Comptroller, pointed out that the County has filed claims on an occurrence basis under the Brown & Haynes existing policy, and this will be filed on a claims basis under the Pointer proposal. Rex Haynes verified that theirs is on an occurrence basis.

Clovis Reed said he recommends Titan for the general liability insurance for the County. Dale Thompson asked if the memo exempts the County from getting all of the coverage information together. Monroe Pointer said that is not a condition, but any insurance company wants to know what they are covering.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to carry the proposals for general liability insurance coverage over until May 20, 1997, at 9:00 to hear the recommendation of the County Administrator. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

Item J., Continued,

4. Payment of Certain Bills and Approval of S. O. Amendment to Budget

Sheriff James Riley appeared before the Board of Supervisors and said the only option to fund the cost of prisoner medical cost through the Sheriff's budget, is to lay off twelve deputies. Sheriff Riley asked if Supervisor Eugene Thach wanted him to lay off deputies. Supervisor Eugene Thach said his "no" vote on the previous discussion of this budget amendment was to allow the Board to treat this request as with any other department. After discussion, it was decided that the previous Board action took care of the issue.

5. Distribution of Funds From Auction Sale

This item was held over.

6. Hire Surveyor for Thompson Cove

Supervisor John Caldwell notified the Board of Supervisors that County Engineer Daniel Murphy has agreed to do the survey on Thompson Cove.

7. Appointments

This item was held over. **See Exhibit J.7.**

8. Report From Committee to Inspect Phillips Road, Mahan Road, Herbert Road

and Road Located West of Craft

This item was held over.

9. TVA Easement Located at DeSoto County Garbage Site

Supervisor John Caldwell said that TVA has requested an easement at the DeSoto County Garbage site. Supervisor Caldwell recommends not approving this easement request since TVA is currently in court with Entergy over this issue. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if TVA has offered to pay for the easement. Chancery Clerk W. E. “Sluggo” Davis said TVA has offered \$500.00. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if TVA is acquiring right of ways. Supervisor Caldwell said he does not know of any. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that some competition for these companies may be good. Supervisor John Caldwell said the right of way requested will cut through some of the most buildable land in DeSoto County.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion not to grant the request for easements to TVA until they come up with better terms, including clarifying that DeSoto County is held harmless on their litigation matter and until they offer more than \$500.00. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----No
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Absent
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

See Exhibit J.9.

10. Veteran’s Memorial

Supervisor John Caldwell said he has received a request from a constituent to house a Veteran’s Memorial. Supervisor Caldwell suggested maybe such can be put in front of either the new Adminsitration Buiding or the new Civic Center. Supervisor Caldwell said he was questioned about why the County does not participate in any of the veterans services on Veteran’s Day. The Board of Supervisors asked the County Administrator to talk with the Veteran’s Affairs Office about this request.

11. Proposed New Crossing of IC Railroad at Lake Cormorant

Supervisor James Pearson said that according to a letter received by the County Engineer, IC Railroad wants to abolish two railroad crossings in Lake Cormorant. Supervisor Pearson suggests the County negotiate doing so in exchange for the \$1,000.00 request by IC Railroad recently. **See Exhibit J.11.**

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Circuit Court Clerk Allowances

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Circuit Court Allowances as requested. The

motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit K.1.**

2. Chancery Court Clerk Allowances

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Chancery Court Allowances as requested. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

3. Authorize County Administrator to Open Bids For Ambulance May 21st

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to open bids in connection with Bid File #97-240-003 on May 21, 1997. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit K.3.**

Item K., Continued,

4. Request From School Board for Gravel for Bus Shop Parking Lot

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the request from the school board for hauling up to ten loads and gravel and spreading/grading same if the school board purchases the gravel. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

See Exhibit K.4.

5. Request for Allocation to HHS Future problem Solving Teams

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to donate \$250.00 each of the Hernando Junior and Senior Problem Solving Team and pay for same from the Advertise County Resource portion of the budget. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

See Exhibit K.5.

6. Draw Request #3 for Justice Court Renovations

Jimmy Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, presented the Board of Supervisor with a request for Draw #3 on the Justice Court Renovation project. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay the draw as requested. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit K.6.**

7. Authorize Advertise for Seating for Justice Court

Jimmy Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance recommended to the Board of Supervisors to advertise for new pews for Justice Court. Mr. Bearden explained that he has attempted to find used pews for the job, but there are not enough matching pews available. Supervisor Eugene Thach verified that the existing pews will be moved to the new building until the new pews are available. Mr. Bearden said yes. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to advertise for new pews for the Justice Court Renovation project. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Absent

See Exhibit K.7.

8. Approval of Contract for Services With DeSoto County Family Medical For EMS Testing

Bobby Storey, Eudora EMS Director, explained the need to provide shots and vaccinations to EMS workers and recommended to the Board of Supervisors the proposal from Desoto Family Medical Center to provide the shots at the prices indicated on Exhibit L.8. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the proposal under advisement until May 20, 1997, to allow the Board Attorney to review the proposal to ensure same is in compliance with laws. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

See Exhibit K.8.

9. Resolution for the Purpose of Mitigating Natural and Technological Hazards in DeSoto County

T. H. Walker appeared before the Board of Supervisors and said he is asking the Board of Supervisors and mayors to support a resolution with municipalities for the purpose of mitigating natural and technological hazards in DeSoto County. Three of the mayors have already agreed to participate based on the County's participation. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the resolution with municipalities as recommended by T. H. Walker contingent on the Board Attorney's approval of same. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes

See Exhibit L.9.

10. Horn Lake Road - Portion in Front of School

Supervisor James Pearson will go with Kenny Gunn, the Road Manager to assess the work needed at this site.

M. OTHER ISSUES

1. Clovis Reed

a. Complaine with Fair Labor Standards Act

At the County Administrator's recommendation, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to acknowledge compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See Exhibit M.1.a.

b. Summer Help Program

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed notified the Board of Supervisors that he has been in contact with Mitzi Woods of Mid State Opportunities about the summer help program and has possibly as many as 20 teenagers to clean up the roads. The only stipulation is that they must be supervised. The Board of Supervisors asked about insurance coverage. The County Administrator will check and report back to the Board of Supervisors about insurance for this help.

2. Jimmy Bearden

a. Final Payment for Courthouse Roof

Jimmy Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, recommended to pay the final payment for the courthouse roof to TAM Construction. The Board verified that all money necessary is being retained to pay for damages caused by the roofers. Jimmy Bearden presented a list of execptions negotiated by Ed Spencer, his predecessor and said all money has been withheld. It was determined that carpet in the Board Room was not on the list for replacement, but rather, shampoo.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay the final payment as recommended by Jimmy Bearden. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
- Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
- Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
- Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Absent

See Exhibit M.2.a.

b. Power Supply at Jail

Jimmy Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, reported problems at the jail with the generator. Mr. Bearden reported that the generator is not large

enough for the jail. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Bearden to find out what they need. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Bearden to let someone who is familiar with generators look at the problem and fix the existing generator until a new one can be obtained, if a new one is needed.

Item M., Continued,

3. Kenny Gunn

a. Baldwin Road

At the Road Manager’s recommendation, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the County

Engineer to begin the engineering work on Baldwin Road between Austin Road and Highway 301 to be paid from the Road Budget. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

b. Poplar Corner Road

At the Road Manager’s recommendation, Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion for the County Engineer to begin the engineering work on Poplar Corner Road from Nail Road to Church Road to be paid from the Road Budget. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

c. Request to Attend Equipment Sale

At the Road Manager’s request, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to authorize the Road Manager to attend a surplus sale in Philadelphia, Mississippi. It was discussed that the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, will research the buy back program at the sale. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----No
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

d. Request for Mobile Phone

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn explained that until now he has been using his own personal mobile phone for County business and keeping up with calls and reimbursing himself for the County calls. However, that usage is getting hard to keep up with and he asked for approval for a County mobile phone.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the Road Manager to get a mobile phone from the Road budget. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

4. Supervisor John Caldwell

a. Bond Limit for Civic Center

Supervisor John Caldwell suggested the Board should increase the bond for the architect and financial advisors for the Civic Center project. The Board decided

there is no need to change the bond until the DeSoto County Convention and Visitors Bureau Commission comes back with a recommendation.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess until Tuesday, May 20, 1997, at 9:00. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----	Absent
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----	Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

THIS the May 19, 1997, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors